

## COUNTRY INITIATIVE

### PRIVATE SESSION - XI ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE INGP

Country – Guyana

Name of the initiative- NPTA

Name of the Institution – National Procurement and Tender Administration

#### 1. Description and objectives of the initiative:

Nonreimbursable Technical Cooperation. Public Procurement Modernization and Financial Management Strengthening in Guyana. The objective of the project is to assist the Government of Guyana's efforts to streamline the public expenditure cycle by supporting the modernization of the following two (2) areas:

- I. Public Procurement
- II. Public Financial Management

The project will provide the Ministry of Finance with the tools and expertise to make more efficient the allocation and management of public resources.

#### 2. Description – Principal characteristics of the initiative:

The Project comprises the following two (2) components:-

**Component 1- Public Procurement Modernization:** This will provide support to improve efficiency and value for money in public procurement, through strategic planning and introduction of e-GP, and includes the following activities:

- I. Strategic planning for e-GP
- II. Proposal for the Procurement Act and Regulations update
- III. Establishment of a complaints mechanism and debarment procedures;
- IV. Training in modern procurement operations and tools

**Component 2- Technological Updates to Expenditure Systems:** This component will provide funding to support upgrading and implementation of technological platforms for expenditure systems, and will finance the following:

- I. Information Technology (IT) solution for public procurement
- II. Enhancement of the procurement portal
- III. Overall improvements in interoperability of expenditure systems

### **3. Impact and achievements:**

**The following consultancy services will be provided under the project to achieve its objective:**

- 1) consultancy service by individual for the revision of the Procurement Regulation to reflect policy on Framework Contract and revised contract value limits with Regulations No. 4 (of Part 11- Publicity).
- 2) consultancy service by individual for the development of a database and system at NPATB to address the reporting requirements and develop the reporting formats for all stakeholders, including an analytic report for the Minister of Finance.
- 3) consultancy service by individual for the preparation of format for sensitization workshops for the private sector evaluators.
- 4) consultancy service by firm for conducting training on Procurement Planning Methodology, development of 3 Pilot Procurement Plans (sea defence, MOH and MOE), and strategy to rollout to other agencies.
- 5) consultancy service by individual for the strengthening of the NPATB's website by including postings of advertisements, and information on Ministerial and Regional awards exceeding a value of G\$200,000.
- 6) consultancy service by individual for the review of software to facilitate e-submission by Regions and Ministries.
- 7) consultancy service by firm for the training of procurement officers and related staff in CIPS.
- 8) consultancy service by individual for training in contract management and contract compliance monitoring for the Regions and Agencies.
- 9) consultancy service by individual for the establishment of a Records Management System.
- 10) consultancy service by firm for the establishment of a process for debarment and reporting complaints in compliance with the Regulation and internationally acceptable standards.
- 11) consultancy service by firm for the definition of strategy for the introduction of e-procurement, with an Action Plan.
- 12) consultancy service by individual for the review of the Procurement Act to reflect an electronic mode of operation.
- 13) supply, delivery and installation of hardware and software for the upgrade of the IT and Electronic Platform

The Project is yet to be executed. Its Implementation has been delayed as a result of the following:

- 1) The proroguing of Parliament
- 2) The preparation for and the holding of General Elections on May 11, 2015
- 3) The late preparation and approval of the National Budget in 2015

The full impact of this initiative and all its components will be realised over the period 2016 – 2017.

Symposium – a Symposium will be held on November 4th, 2015 involving the Heads of all Procurement Agencies (Ministries and all ten (10) Administrative Regions) Contractors large and small Ministry of Business and the SmallBusiness Association under the theme “Strengthening and Modernizing the procurement process to bring about positive Change.

#### Small Business Initiative

The Ministry of Business will be engaged at our initiative to operationalize the provision in the Small Business Act of 2004- that 20% of PSIP/ Procurement for small business.